THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUR CE DEVELOPMENT (DEPART MENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA); (a) and (b) Information relating to Minority Educational Institutions aided by Government and the amount granted annually to them is being collected.

Equipments lying: unused In UT, Delhi

807. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whethtr Government are aware that equipment worth lakhs of rupees is lying unused in UT, thereby affec ting the research work;

(b) if so, the details of such equipments, the time since when they are lying unused together with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for its proper use?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUR CE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA):'(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd., Nagpur

608. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Explora tion Corporation Ltd. (MECL) Nag pur is the premier exploration agency in the country to under take exploration work on behalf of Government on promotinal basis as well as of other agencies on contrac tual basis;

(b) if so, what has been the performance of this Company during 1992-93, indicating the physical targets, achievements against the targets during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 (Upto 31-3-93) in drilling, mining (in metres) with value in crores of rupees; and

(c) what was the authorised capital of Corporation at the inception and at the level it stands now as *on* 31st March, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The performance of the Com pany in terms of achievements aga inst targets and the value of work

done during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 is as under:—

Items		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 (Provisional)
Drilling (Meters)	T	3,60,000	2,89,000	2,74,000
	A	3,18,007	2,41,639	2,31,829
Mining (Metres)	T	6,260	8,000	6,000
	A	6,309	5,690	4,295
Value (Rs. in Crores)	T	52.08	49.67	53.11
	A	54.60	45.20	41.85

T—Target

A—Achievement

(c) The authorised capital of the Company at its inception in 1972 was Rs. 25.00 crores which now stands at Rs. 60.00 crores as on 31st March, 1993.

Exploration of Mineral and Ores in the country

609. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of MINES be phased to state:

(a) what is the cost of exploration of various minerals and ores in our country; and

(b) what are the corresponding figures in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BLARAM SINGH YADAV (a) The cost of exploration of minerals/ores depends upon various parameters such as depth of exploration, strata conditions, accessibility to the site, type of terrain and other infrastructural facilities. The cost of exploratory drilling for various minerals/ores undertaken by Mineral Exploation Corporation Ltd. (MECL) is as under:—

Minerals	Rate per mater drilling (in Rs.)
1. Coal (Regional exploration)	1800 to 2200
2. Coal (detailed exploration)	1400 to 2600
3. Lignite	800 to 1100
4. Copper	2500 to 2900
5. Atomic minerals	2300 to 3000
6. Gold	2500 to 2850
7. Lead-Zinc	3500 to 3750
8. Diamond	2500 to 3000
9. Tungsten	2400 to 3000